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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CONTROL OF OVERSEAS DISSEMINATION OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

1. The Director of Central Intelligence has been concerned with the security aspects of the IAC agencies sending national intelligence (which includes NIE's, SE's, NIS's and EIC's) to their overseas components. While it is realized that each agency protects this intelligence through its own security regulations, it is felt that some breach or violation of security with respect to national intelligence might be exceptionally hazardous to national security, especially if there is an accumulation of national intelligence materials concentrated at one point. Accordingly, CIA initiated informal conversations at the working level with representatives of State, Army, Navy and Air Force to ascertain current practice in the handling of these materials.

2. On the basis of these discussions, and in order to provide more adequate assurance to the DCI and IAC members in the control of national intelligence, CIA proposes that the IAC agree as follows: In order to provide immediate knowledge in Washington of the location and extent of national intelligence filed in overseas installations, and in order to prevent its unnecessary overseas accumulation, each agency will maintain in Washington an inventory of such intelligence forwarded by it to its overseas installations. Each agency will indicate on each national intelligence item it disseminates overseas a period of one year or less, normally six months, depending upon the subject matter of the intelligence and the particular need of the overseas installation, at the end of which time the item would be destroyed, returned, or permission requested of the forwarding agency to retain it.

3. It would be appreciated if representatives from the IAC agencies would meet with [redacted] of the CIA/Office of Intelligence Coordination on Monday, 8 June 1953, in Room 1128 M Building, 2:30 P. M. to discuss this CIA proposal.

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Secretary

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